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1. SUMMARY. POLITICAL VIOLENCE ADDED ANOTHER 87 VICTIMS TO EL SALVADOR'S TOLL OF VICTIMS. PROMINENT AMONG THE VICTIMS WAS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ OF THE PCN. LEFTIST FORCES ACHIEVED A MAJOR SECCESS IN AN ASSAULT ON THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE FACILITIES NEAR THE CAPITAL. FURTHER, AN EX-MAJOR OF THE ARMED FORCES WAS TAKEN IN HAND AS THE RINGLEADER OF A KIDNAPPING AND CRIME SYNDICATE. FINALLY, LEFTIST DEATH THREATS AGAINST ELECTORAL PARTICIPANTS WERE MADE BY THE FPL. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES
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SALVADORAN PRESS SOURCES REPORTED 87 MORE VICTIMS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION. FOREMOST AMONG THE VICTIMS WAS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ, A LEADING MODERATE OF THE PARTIDO DE CONCILIACION NACIONAL (PCN). HE WAS GUNNED DOWN BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 26, ONE OF THE 83 VICTIMS WHOSE KILLERS COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED. PRESS REPORTS DID ASCRIBE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOUR DEATHS TO LEFTIST FORCES. UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS ALSO INDICATED THAT 25 GUERRILLAS AND 15 SOLDIERS DIED IN FIGHTING ABOUT THE COUNTRY. FINALLY, SIX DISAPPEARANCES WERE REPORTED, ALL OF WHICH WERE EFFECTED BY UNKNOWN PARTIES.
3. STATISTICS.
THE BODIES OF THE 85 VICTIMS OF POLITICAL MURDER WERE FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

SAN SALVADOR	43
SAN MIGUEL	7
LA LIBERTAD	1
USULUTAN	2
SANTA ANA	29
CABANAS	2
CUSCATLAN	2
LA PAZ	1
TOTAL	87

AN AGE BREAKDOWN OF THE DEAD YIELDS THE FOLLOWING FIGURES:

A. AGE 17 AND UNDER	4
B. AGES 18-25	20
C. AGES 26-35	12
D. AGES 36-50	11
E. AGES OVER 50	9
F. AGES UNKNOWN	31
TOTAL	87

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A BREAKDOWN BY OCCUPATION GIVES THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

GUARDSMEN (OFF DUTY)	3
FARMER	1
BUSINESSMAN	1
FARM ADMINISTRATOR	3
PEASANT	2
WORKER	1
UNKNOWN	69
REPAIRMAN	1
MERCHANT	1
DRIVER	2
POLITICIAN	1
SUPERVISOR	2
MAYOR	1
TOTAL	87

4. INCIDENTS.
ALL OTHER TERRORISTS ACTIONS LAST WEEK WERE OVERSHADOWED BY THE ATTACK ON THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE FACILITIES AT ILOPANGO AIRPORT.
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THE REMAINING ACTIVITY WAS DOMINATED BY THE USUAL SERIES OF PROBING ATTACKS ON KEY SALVADORAN INSTALLATIONS SUCH AS THE SAN LORENZO DAM SITE. FURTHER, THE PRESS PRINTED REPORTS THAT SEVERAL MINISTERS OF THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN THREATENED WITH DEATH BY THE FMLN IF THEY DID NOT SEEK EXILE.
5. THE ROEDER CAPER.
PRESS REPORTS FOR JANUARY 29 AND 30 DETAILED THE ARREST OF GUILLERMO ROEDER, AN EX-MAJOR OF THE ARMED FORCES, ON CHARGES OF KIDNAPPING. HE WAS CHARGED WITH THE KIDNAPPING OF A PERSONAL FRIEND, GUILLERMO BUSTAMANTE. AN OFFICIAL NATIONAL POLICE COMMUNIQUE ACCUSED ROEDER OF USING HIS SECURITY AND PROTECTION SERVICE FOR THE COMMISION OF A SERIES OF CRIMES. THE COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT ROEDER'S MEN HAD COMMITTED CRIMES UNDER THE DISGUISES OF BOTH THE DEATH SQUADRON AND VARIOUS LEFTIST
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GROUPS. THE CHARGES AND ROEDER'S PREVIOUS POSITION MAKE THIS CASE UNIQUE IN RECENT SALVADORAN HISTORY.
6. ELECTIONS AND THE LEFT.
LEFTIST FORCES IN EL SALVADOR HAVE CONTINUED TO DISPLAY THEIR ANTAGONISM TOWARDS ELECTIONS AND THEIR INTENTIONS TO DISRUPT THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. DURING THE WEEK TWO LETTERS AND THREE STATEMENTS FROM THE FUERZAS POPULARES DE LIBERACION (FPL) AND ITS POLITICAL FRONT ORGANIZATION THE BLOQUE POPULAR REVOLUCIONARIO (BPR) EMERGED. THE LETTERS, WHICH CONTAINED OVERT DEATH THREATS, WERE MAILED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO POLITICAL PARTIES. THE STATEMENTS, RECEIVED AT THE EMBASSY VIA LOCAL MAIL, CONTAINED WARNINGS OF LEFTIST RETALIATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTIONS. (SPECIFIC CONTENT OF

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